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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CITY ATTORNEY FILES CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY SUPERVISOR FOR THEFT AND MISUSE OF CITY COMPUTERS**

**San Diego, CA:** The City Attorney's Criminal Division has filed criminal charges against Gabriel Gutierrez, a property room supervisor working for the San Diego Police Department. Gutierrez, a 15-year department veteran, was charged with three counts of embezzlement and three counts of using a computer to wrongfully obtain money.

The case was brought to the attention of the City Attorney's Office by the San Diego Police Department, which had conducted a three-month investigation of Gutierrez' handling of evidence that was slated for destruction. Gutierrez, 42, is charged with taking knives from the police property room and listing them for sale on the Internet.

Assistant City Attorney Chris Morris stated, "It is imperative that public employees do not violate or abuse the public's trust. The citizens of San Diego can rest assured that any City employee who violates that trust will be prosecuted."

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